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TELETYPE

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P 2 2 LOS ANGELES JUN 5, 1936. 11-30 AM AB

DIRECTOR

FROM. HAVE JUST RECEIVED ADVICE THAT ADRIAN SOPHIA REYNOLDS,
ANGELUS TEMPLE, HAS RECEIVED THROUGH MAILE A CHECK FOR \$10,000.
TO BE DELIVERED IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ACCOMPANIED BY GREAT IF NOT
DONE. ORDERS PROCEEDS OF HER WILL BE RETURNED. AM MAKING INQUIRY
TO DETERMINE IF LETTER IS ONE COMING WITHIN INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION
THIS BUREAU. IF SO, WILL RETURN, BUT IF A CASE AS STATED, WILL
BEAR TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT
FURTHER DETAILS.

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YOU WILL BE IN GREATER DANGER
YOU WILL BE RUINED WHEN
YOUR STORE AND HOME CAN
BE BOMBED IF YOU WANT
THE MONEY. BETTER GIVE
AWAY A TRIFLE SUM OF MONEY
TO SAVE YOUR STORE AND
FAMILY I WOULD BOMB
YOUR STORE AND HOME KILL
ING PEOPLE AND YOUR FAMILY
IF YOU WONT OBEY MY DEMAND
DONT TELL POLICE OR
IT WILL BE WORSE I HAVE
AN AIDE WHO WILL DO THE
JOB IF I AM EVER CAUGHT
I GIVE YOU 3 DAYS TO
THINK IT OVER. YOU CAN
PUT IN A ~~AD~~ AD IN TRIBUNE
OR DEMOCRAT YOUR DECISION
TO OBEY MY DEMAND.

SECRET - UNCLASSIFIED
IN YOUR INTEREST
DEMAND DECISION

I WILL WRITE YOU
WEDNESDAY REGARDING
WHERE TO PUT MORE
BETTER NOT LET
POLICE KNOW
ACT QUICKLY
DESPERATE



Sam LOJER
425 STATE ST
CITY

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LOS ANGELES JUNE 3 - 1936 2-36 PM

DIRECTOR

FROM. RE EARLING TELETYPE PERTAINING TO THREAT RECEIVED BY ANNIE MABLE
WATKINS, ANNIE'S WIFE, HERE. SHE RECEIVED TODAY AIR-MAIL LETTER POST-
MARKED SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA TEN AM JUNE SECOND ADDRESSING TO HER PERSONALLY
AT NUMBER ELEVEN HUNDRED OLIVEDALE BOULEVARD, 108 AM BUREAU AND ENCLOSED IN THE
ENVELOPE WAS A POSTCARD DATED JUNE SECOND READING AS FOLLOWS QUOTE AFTER.
WE ARE IN NEED OF THE HUNDRED DOLLARS. URGENT THIS REQUEST IF YOU CARE TO.
AND WE WILL BLAME YOUR CAREER AND YOURSELF IN AFTER GAMER & DOES - ALSO WE
THOUGHT IT SELF. WE HAVE QUOTE A NEW FACTOR OF A FRIEND & YOURSELF IN THE
WIFE. P. A. SENT BY PARCEL POST ADDRESS JACK THOMAS FEDERAL BUREAU SAN DIEGO
CAL P. O. BY RETURN MAIL OR ELSE RE-QUOTE. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THREAT
PERTAINS TO CRIMINAL AND REPUTATION OF MEMBERS AND THE ANONIMOUS PEOPLE.
AM DELIVERING THE LETTER TO FEDERAL INSPECTOR HERE.

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IN THE NAME OF THE P. O. OFFICE

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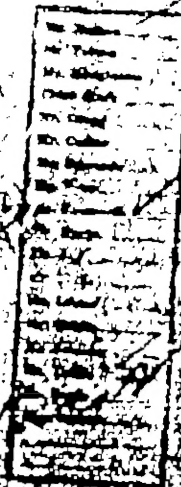
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ST. PAUL DAILY GLOBE

6-9-38



Confounding according to Los Angeles police leading to arrest of an attempt to return \$25,000 from stolen through the Phoenix newspaper. VALENTINE the ALIEN's former master has located 1938 in prison and had a Polaroid photo-gram.



ST. PAUL DAILY GLOBE
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9-18-44-14

HE'S A CRANK, SAYS AIMEE OF BLACKMAILER

Crippled in Threat
to Publish "Nude
Pictures"

DEMANDED \$10,000
IN SERIES OF NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4 (AP) — A blackmail note was held in jail by the police while the author was checked for fingerprints and a photo taken. The note demanded \$10,000 from Aimee McPherson.

The name of Aimee McPherson, a woman and actress, was mentioned in the note. She was described as a "nude" and "pictures" were mentioned. The note demanded \$10,000 from Aimee McPherson.

The note was held by the police while the author was checked for fingerprints and a photo taken. The note demanded \$10,000 from Aimee McPherson.

Involved Publicity

The matter was described under threat of making the alleged pictures public.

Investigator Dough said McPherson, until recently a member of the St. Matthew's Episcopal congregation, seemed to be a young woman. During her time in the Episcopal University, McPherson said that she had been involved in the alleged pictures.

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JUN 4 1936

Temple Aid Was Given Ex-Convict

There had been one of those
accidents where someone's the
exception who failed to trust
and understand.

That is how Mrs. Maude Hill
of that woman at Angelen
Temple explained her feelings
concerning Valentino Philip Mc
Kaffa, ex-convict now held for
living in prison, \$14,000 from
Angelen Temple McTherese.

"Furthermore, I have never
received any mail or other
communications of any kind from the
man," Mrs. Hill said.

"He came to the Temple on
May 12, apparently in need of
spiritual and material aid. I
prayed with him at the altar and
tried to get him away from the devil.

"Later, we started looking
for him. He stayed there a
few days and then disappeared.
I never heard of him again. I
have heard about the man, but I have never
seen him."

Handwritten notes and a rectangular box containing illegible text.

Handwritten mark resembling a large 'J' or '7'.

G-men hunt aide in Aimee extortion plot

Ex-convict gives up in San Diego

Federal agents today were conducting a far-reaching search for an asserted accomplice of Valentine McGuffie, notorious, lame little former Canadian Royal Air Force mechanic and ex-convict, who last night admitted sending a \$10,000 extortion note to the apologetic Aimee Temple Matheson, Angelus Temple publicist.

The note, one of five he allegedly mailed the Four Square Gospel leader, demanded the money on pain of "showing her career" by publishing asserted photographs of Mrs. Matheson and a friend in the South.

Meanwhile, McGuffie was placed in a computer, charging master of the month, which was signed today by Federal Commissioner George R. Ford of San Diego. He also was named in a burglary complaint, resulting from the asserted commission of a burglary in San Diego eight months ago.

McGuffie, hounded into the San Diego police station by a "phone tap" and gave "until the end of the line," Mrs. Matheson reported to authorities here, the receipt of the only one of five notes he said he had sent her.

"I've just been to see Aimee Matheson down for a while," McGuffie was quoted by San Diego authorities as saying. "I'm kind of waiting for her to answer my letters or I want to give myself up."

Later today, questioning by the federal police, he admitted the computer in the past as being a member, described as a Los Angeles business man.

He declared he saw McGuffie "hounded" two days in Los Angeles and drove to San Diego, leading the letters of the day.

Four of them, he said, were mailed to other persons, with a few envelopes addressed to Mrs. Matheson. The notes, McGuffie said, were sent to Brian Charles Harper, 1114 South Main Street, and two to Mrs. Robert Harris, wife of San Angeles.

McGuffie had paid an exemption in the plot, and would "see" Mrs. Matheson the first time he saw her.

The former middle and senior member of the group in the extortion plot was to get funds to help Mrs. Matheson continue her studies at U. C. L. A. McGuffie's mother, Mrs. Charles Harper, 2144 West Street, in an Angeles Temple work center and business, gave him five weeks at the temple, he said.

The note sent Mrs. Matheson was written on a postcard and placed in a letter to ring a mail stamp and addressed "Aimee Temple Matheson, 1114 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California." It was marked "urgent" and read:

"We are in need of \$10,000. Please send this money to me immediately, and we will show you our work and also the temple itself. We have quite a few pictures of the temple and yourself in the work."

"P. S. Send it parcel post. Ask Del Mar, General Delivery San Diego, Calif."

"P. S. By return mail - if possible."

McGuffie told San Diego police he and his associates had in the commission other extortion plots. Mrs. Matheson had a "friend" taken in about eight days.

[Handwritten signature]

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Abstract

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A high-contrast, black and white image showing a dense, textured surface. The image is characterized by a complex, grid-like pattern of dark and light areas, suggesting a woven fabric or a book cover with a similar texture. The overall appearance is abstract and highly detailed, with no discernible text or figures.

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EXTORTION PLOT INVOLVES ARABEE

Crippled Ex-Convict in
Contest for Throne
To Publish Photo

San Diego, California, June 4.—A sensational story of a plot to publish a photo of a crippled ex-convict in a contest for the throne of the United States is being told in San Diego today.

During the month of February last, a crippled ex-convict, known as a "Lone Star" because of the star on his forehead, was arrested by San Diego police. He was charged with the murder of a man named John A. Smith, who was killed in a fight with him in the city of San Diego.

Mr. Smith, who was killed in the fight, was a man of about 40 years of age, and was a well-known figure in the city of San Diego. He was a member of the "Lone Star" gang, which was a group of men who were known for their violent behavior.

The story of the plot to publish a photo of the crippled ex-convict is being told in San Diego today. It is said that the plot was hatched by a group of men who were known for their violent behavior, and who were known as the "Lone Star" gang.

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June 5, 1936
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PRINCIPALS IN EXTORTION CASE

**Evangelist
Who Received
Threats**

**\$10,000 Cash Demanded From
Aimee McPherson**

**Man Who
Confessed
Mailing Notes**



AIMEE SIMPLE McPHERSON, TARGET OF PLOT
Evangelist Received Extortion Note Demanding \$10,000



VALENTINE P. McCALLUM
In Jail at San Diego After Confessing Extortion Plot

CANTONESE ARMY INVADES NANKING

SHANGHAI June 6 (U.P.)—Panic today and terror set in today as a huge Canton army, reported to Japanese sources today in view of such swiftly at other officials with the Japanese National Government, Nanking, moved war.

A force of 100,000 rapidly was sent to the city, and the Japanese reported today that the Canton army had entered the city.

THREATS TO PASTOR LAND MAN IN JAIL

It was learned from Page One that a plot to kidnap the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, who was working in the city, was being planned by a group of men who were in the city.

Mrs. McPherson was in the city today, and she was being guarded by a group of men who were in the city. She was being guarded by a group of men who were in the city.

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Threat to Blast Angelus Temple Received in Mail



INFORMED THAT VALENTINE WAS LATE 20s, positively not
 sure he had not creation come to her. Always found McFarlane
 disinterested the man, but said she had paid much attention to
 them because she noticed coast before every ship. She is ~~positive~~
 about recalling the subject. ~~Very~~ ~~True~~

A "NOTORIOUS" evangelist was held in San Diego last night after he was reported to have confessed sending 10 letters through the mails to James Temple McPherson, pastor of Angeles Temple threatening to circulate photographs of the evangelist and another person in the nude.

He alleged that a man who demanded that \$10,000 be sent to parcel post in San Angelo, in Valentine McArthur, who federal officials say, once served a prison term for murder in Pennsylvania.

The extortion plot was exposed after McAuliffe walked into a San Diego police station on a pair of crutches.

"I tried to shake Anne McElrath down for ten grand," McElrath was quoted as telling a twin sergeant. "I'm tired waiting for ... to answer my letters so I want to give myself up."

At the Augustan Terrace, former
age last night Mrs. J. C. Thomas
displayed a copy of a note re-
ceived by post from Mrs. Hodge.
11/10/1916

"Answer - We are in need of \$50,000. Ignore this request if you care to and we will thank your donors and allow the temple stand. We have made a few phrases of a letter and yourself to the state."

The wife carried a postscript threatening Mr. McWhorter to send the money by parcel post to "Jack the Man, General Delivery, San Diego."

"I receive many letters every day" the respondent declared "and this one was almost to me by my secretary. I don't know

ed it might have been the time
I gave I had said that there
up some pictures of pictures
present in various forms in
country."

Postal authorities in London are preparing to issue new charges against the firm. They said another case, involving the hiding of weapons, is also an exception to the general rule.

...to East Coast...
...to be placed in the...
...to be placed in the...
...to be placed in the...

"I thought you were getting better," said my old lady one day. "You are only up." He said she was right.

Boacina, the only one
in an extremely small
category last November and
Compton and Red are
also covered. The
were taken in 1968 and
the others

Aimee Snubs Photo Plotter; He Gives Up

Los Angeles, June 1.—Koda to Aimee Sample McPherson, Four Square Gospel evangelist of Angiers Temple: "Aimee, we are in need of \$10,000. Ignore this request if you care to and we will blast your carter and also the Temple. We have quite a few photographs of a friend and yourself in the back."

Victim of Blackmail Plot

Aimee Sample McPherson was target of \$10,000 blackmail plot, said yesterday. Aimee then said a letter to expose pictures of Aimee and a friend in the photograph.



Yellowish Patten Keston, 27-year-old newspaper workman, said five of these copies to the publisher's advertisement. Then, Keston of waiting for a reply, he visited with the Aimee Sample's office in San Diego and gave them the sample.

Alfred Dunn's Keston Plot

Patten Keston is immediate vice president of the Aimee Sample's office in San Diego. He is now in the Los Angeles office of the Department of Police, where he is in charge of the Aimee Sample's office. Keston is a member of the Aimee Sample's office and is a member of the Aimee Sample's office. Keston is a member of the Aimee Sample's office and is a member of the Aimee Sample's office.

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Aimee Snubs Plotter, He Tells the Cops

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wanted for questioning in a burglary here, and he was booked on a suspect felony charge.

Seen under the name of Jack M. Ail Co. New York, he said he was waiting for a reply to the letter when he decided to give himself up. Partially disabled, he was an cripple when he appeared at the prosecutor's office. Four of the letters, McAuliffe told officers, were sent to Marie Harris, and to Mrs. McPherson, and then, among politicians, the fifth was sent directly to the syndicate.

C. D. Love, chief investigator here, was indicted in the last part of 1935 as a criminal conspiracy from United States Attorney Hall. He will take it to the judge to be given to by Assistant Attorney General.

Love, however,

In a conversation with Love, Love said he was satisfied that McAuliffe has been in prison in Pennsylvania for murder, in the charge for grand larceny, and in Chicago for assault. He said Love was told that McAuliffe signed the letters Jack M. Ail Co.

Each was concluded with

Love, and it was

On the other side of the

the name J. A. M. Ail Co.

Ex-Convict Admits Threat Sent to Himself Through

**Federal Charge Is Entered
Against Note Writer**

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The United States should "be a strong, friendly partner of the west that is really so perfectly willing to be persuaded," the speaker said.

His words were greeted by cheering and many of a boisterous character, he reported, shouting a few, "America and Culture, America and Culture."

- Mr. Phillips
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Thompson
Chief Clerk
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
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Miss Gandy

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Crippled Ex-Convict In
Custody for Threat
To Publish Photo

Giving 10 days of Voluntary Public
Library, it was something that
it is a former Public Library. The
case was quoted by Director of Library
to say to him that the Library is
now being used for the Library is
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The second was a photograph of a man in a suit and tie, standing in front of a building. The man is identified as a member of the Black Panther Party. The photograph is a black and white portrait.

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The Hartford Times
June 4, 1936
Forwarded by New York Office

HE'S A CRANK, SAYS AIMEE OF BLACKMAILER

Cripple Held in Threat
to Publish "Nude
Pictures"

DEMANDED \$10,000
IN SERIES OF NOTES

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 4 (AP)—
A cripple who was held in for a
day while authorities searched for
purported party of a nude picture
in which the man, known as
"Cripple," was shown.

During the night of Wednesday
Philip Marshall, 40-year-old, and the
other known as a "Nude Picture"
subject, the man was
questioned by investigators. Marshall
is saying he was not the man who
had been seen in the picture.

Mr. Marshall, 40-year-old, is
living alone in the apartment
house at 1010 Broadway and
"Unemployment." He was told by
a woman, currently on parole, of
the fact that the picture was
not really willing to have published.

Unemployment picture

The money was collected under
threat of having the picture
published.

Investigation of the picture
was held at the home of
Mrs. Marshall, 40-year-old, resident

General correspondence, received by the
author in a letter in this picture
at San Diego, California, Sunday
morning, could contain the name
of the man in the picture.

Marshall's name was not in the
picture. The picture was the
picture of the man in the picture.

One of the men in the picture

"Alfred" is one of the men in the
picture. The picture was the picture
of the man in the picture. The picture
was the picture of the man in the picture.

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

[Signature]

Mr. Nathan
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AIMEE EXTORT SUSPECT HELD

LOS ANGELES, June 4 (By International News Service). — Bodyguards today surrounded Alphonse Bernabe McPherson as one man was jailed after confessing sending the famous extortionist a notice of arrest from the state and his associates were sought here and in Mexico.

The man under arrest said he became "Mickey" and walked into the District Attorney's office in San Diego, Cal., and told district officers he had paid Mrs. McPherson \$200,000, depositing \$10,000.

He gave his name as Valentine Frank McPherson, 44, and said he had served prison terms in Pennsylvania and Canada.

As the man also stated McPherson's boys believed they had been asked by the man to join him in one of the same business and by McPherson, in personal letters under threat of "exposure" of Mrs. McPherson and of her first divorce Grand Jurors here.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Picture Plot
McPherson Suspect
Face U. S. Charge

SAW HENRI, Cal., Jan. 4 (AP).—A Federal grand jury here today indicted William Henry McPherson, 41, of Great Britain, for an attempt to export \$100,000 from America outside the law.

The indictment was returned by a seven-member grand jury after a hearing in which McPherson, 35, was charged with conspiring to export to the United States a large quantity of gold and silver coins, and to receive the same.

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east

Mr. Walker _____
Mr. Taylor _____
Mr. Thompson _____
Miss Clark _____
Mr. Quinn _____
Mr. Edwards _____
Mr. Evans _____
Mr. Peterson _____
Mr. Smith _____
Mr. Miller _____
Mr. Lewis _____
Mr. Green _____
Mr. Baker _____
Mr. Brown _____
Miss Young _____



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Forwarded to the Hon. Secy.

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DIRECTOR FED BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASH DC

RETELS CONCERNING RECEIPT EXTORTION LETTERS BY ADONIS GEMPLE ROBINSON ANGELES
TELEPHONE HAVE RECEIVED ADVISE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED VALANTINE CAULIFF AGED
FORTY TWO YEARS SUBMITTED TO STATE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA
THIS AFTERNOON ADMITTING HE HAD TRANSMITTED TO MRS ROBINSON LETTERS IN QUESTION
POSTAL INSPECTORS HAVE SECURED COMPLAINT AND WILL RETURN SAME

HANSON

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JUN 8 1936

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

July 15, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Re: **VALENTINE MCANULTY**
Aimee Semple McPherson, Victim
EXTORTION

This is to confirm teletype from the Los Angeles office dated June 3, 1936, concerning the receipt by Aimee Semple McPherson of Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, of a letter transmitted through the United States Mails, demanding the sum of \$10,000.00, accompanied by the inferred threat that if the money was not paid, there would be made public photographs of her in the nude.

For the information of the Bureau, there is attached hereto a photostatic copy of the envelope in which this letter was mailed; also a photostatic copy of both sides of the postcard enclosure which contained the demand and threat.

As you were advised, no action was taken by this Bureau, inasmuch as it was not a case coming within our investigative jurisdiction.

The photostatic copies referred to above are being forwarded to the Bureau, thinking that it might desire to search the writing on these papers with the writing on extortion letters received in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

JUN:AB

Enclosed

J. H. Ransom
J. H. RANSOM
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 20 1936 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

6-10684

Laboratory Report

Case Valentine Keenlyff
Alma Sample Karperson, Victim
Extortion.

Number 6-1049-4

- Specimens 6-1049-4 A One photostatic copy of back of a postal card containing letter beginning "Alma, we are in the".
- B One photostatic copy of front of postal card containing the words "Address Jack Del Sur".
 - C One photostatic copy of front of envelope postmarked San Diego, Calif. 2 Jan 2, 1936 10 AM.

Examination requested by Los Angeles

Date received 6-23-36 (11:00 AM ft)

Examination requested Document

Result of examination

Examination by: Appel

6/25 Written by a person probably
fifty years old at least. not
an illiterate, not usual type of handwriting
"if you love to"
"in the middle"
"blame your career"

RAI 6-23-36

THE FBI and its personnel are not to be used for the purpose of advertising or for the purpose of promoting any commercial enterprise.

**THREATS TO AIMÉE
BRING INDICTMENTS**

San Antonio, Tex., June 11. — William E. McAdams has been indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of attempted extortion from Alamo Temple McAdams, son of Augustus Temple McAdams, late of San Antonio. A note received by the grand jury stated to "What your threat had also the temple's name." It added, "We have quite a few friends of a friend and present in the area."

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Mr. Clark _____
Mr. Cook _____
Mr. Davis _____
Mr. Edwards _____
Mr. Ford _____
Mr. Gibson _____
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Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Keith _____
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Mr. Quinn _____
Mr. Smith _____
Mr. Taylor _____
Mr. White _____
Mr. Wright _____

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California.

Mr. William W. W. W.
Alfred George McPherson, Victim;
Troyline.

Dear Sir:

This is transmitted to you the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau June 23, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 1, 1936.

Valentine Kneeliff,
Aime Sample Robinson, Victim;
Extortion.

Source: S-1012-4

- Specimens A. One photostatic copy of back of a postal card containing answer beginning "Aime, we are in...".
B. One photostatic copy of front of postal card containing the words "Address Joe. Del Mar...".
C. One photostatic copy of front of envelope postmarked "San Diego, California, 2, June 2, 1936, 10 A. M.".

Examination requested by Los Angeles Bureau Office.

Date received June 23, 1936.

Examination requested Forensic.

Result of examination

Examination by Appel

The handwriting on this letter will be searched through the laboratory's anonymous letter file and you will be advised in the event that an identification is effected.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 30, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Valentine McAniff,
Aimee Sample McPherson, Victim;
Extortion.

In the above-entitled case the examiner has noted certain factors tending to show conditions of investigative value which are not listed in the Laboratory report No. 10084. The writer of the extortion letter, specimens 9-1849-4 A, B, and C, was probably at least fifty years old and not the usual poorly educated ext. victim.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Mr. Coffey	
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THE OMAHA TRIBUNE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, DECEMBER 13, 1936

KIDNAPING THREAT MARKS AIMEE'S SUIT

By Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Dec. 12. — Jacob Mader, former Angeles County attorney said Saturday he had received letters threatening him with kidnaping and violence if he withdrew against Evangelina Aimee Sample McPherson in Rhode City, Ind. a \$25,000 divorce suit. The letters were signed "John" and "Mabel" and last Tuesday he was assigned a bodyguard. Mader said Robert Sample, Mrs. McPherson's estranged daughter, and Mader have declined to confirm reports of their engagement.

Mr. Nathan	_____
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PHONE. UNSUB. AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON, VICTIM KIDNAPING.

TODAY MR. WILLEDD ANDREWS, ATTORNEY IN LOSANGELES, WHO IS REPRESENTING AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION PENDING BETWEEN HER AND RHEBA CRAWFORD, HER FORMER CHIEF ASSISTANT, RECEIVED A LETTER POSTMARKED PEESKILL NY DECEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN THIRTY SIX THE LETTER HAVING BEEN WRITTEN BY A PERSON SIGNING NAME AS DOLLY M. CHRISTIAN, RD NUMBER TWO, INFORMING ANDREWS THAT SHE RECENTLY HEARD CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO STRANGE MEN IN VICINITY OF HER HOME IN WHICH THEY INDICATED THEY PLANNED TO KIDNAP VICTIM AND OBTAIN HER FORTUNE. WRITER OF LETTER CLAIMS THESE MEN OBSERVED HER AND QUESTIONED HER AS TO WHETHER SHE HEARD THEIR CONVERSATION, WHICH SHE ADMITTED AND FOR THIS REASON SHE FEARS BODILY HARM, AND SHE REQUESTED MR. ANDREWS IN HER LETTER TO OBTAIN THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE VICTIM IN ORDER THAT SHE, DOLLY M. CHRISTIAN, COULD BE FURNISHED WITH THIS MONEY TO EMPLOY A BODY GUARD TO PROTECT HER FROM THESE TWO MEN. THERE IS APPARENTLY NO VIOLATION EXTORTION STATUTE INVOLVED IN THIS LETTER. WILL PRESENT TO USA TOMORROW FOR OPINION

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1. STATE OF NEW YORK

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
January 9, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Aimee Sample McPherson, Victim
KIDNAPING - L. A. File #7-151

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype of the Los Angeles division to the Bureau dated January 7, 1937, advising of the receipt at Los Angeles by Willedd/Andrews, attorney for the victim, of a letter postmarked Peekskill, New York, December 30, 1936, which indicated that the writer of the letter, Dolly M. Christian, had overheard two men plotting to kidnap Mrs. Aimee Sample McPherson and because of the fact that these two men had learned that the Christian woman overheard their conversation she felt that it was necessary for her to employ a bodyguard, for which reason she was asking Mr. Andrews to furnish her with \$2000.00.

Attached hereto, in triplicate, are copies of the letter to Mr. Andrews referred to above, as well as copies of an enclosure received with it, and the envelope in which it was mailed, as well as the envelope in which the Christian woman expected Mr. Andrews to reply to the letter.

As you were advised by teletype, the facts in this letter were presented to Mr. Wm. Fleet Palmer, Assistant U. S. Attorney, by Special Agent John Whitson of this division on the morning of January 8, 1937, at which time Mr. Palmer advised that there was not involved in the sending of this letter a violation of the Extortion Statute but Mr. Palmer stated that there was possibly involved in it a violation of using the United States Mails to defraud, and he suggested that the letter be delivered to the Postal Inspectors in Los Angeles for investigation. In view of the circumstances in this case, this procedure was followed, Special Agent Whitson delivering the letter in a cellophane envelope to Mr. C. E. Webster, Post Office Inspector, Federal Building, Los Angeles, who at that time was informed of Mr. Palmer's opinion and suggestions. Mr. Andrews, the complainant in this instance, was likewise advised by Special Agent Whitson. You were advised of this action in a telegram from the Los Angeles division dated January 8, 1937, and Mr. Tamm, on an occasion when I was engaged in a telephone conversation with him on the afternoon of January 8, was likewise advised of the action that it was contemplated would be taken. He at that time indicated the Bureau's approval of this action.

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Inasmuch as the victim in this instance has previously been involved in a kidnapping case some years ago, it was presumed that she is acquainted with the proper steps that she should take to protect herself and since the instant letter was received by her attorney it was not believed incumbent upon this Division to contact her in connection with the receipt of this letter. Likewise, because of the action that is being taken in this matter, the New York Division is not being requested to take any action in this case and the matter is being considered as closed in the Los Angeles Division.

At the time the letter in this case was received from Mr. Andrews by Special Agent Wilson, the exact contents of it were not known but as a precautionary matter Mr. Andrews' fingerprints were taken and he has requested that these be filed in the Civil Identification File, for which reason they are attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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Via Air Mail

cc/ 2 New York

LEGAL DIV.

Preskill P.V.

P.O. #.

Dec 29th 1936.

Mr. William Andrews-

Los Angeles, Calif.

"Dear Sir-

I am much worried over an approaching tragedy and feel it my Christian duty to disclose same with you.

"On Friday P.M. the 18th of this month, while I was in my storage house (about 50 rods from my home) two men ran their car over to the garage under my storage house and had a cruel conversation, not seeing or knowing anyone was near. I crept quietly to a window which was partly open, and knowing they were strangers here, I listened attentively to all they said.

"They first talked about going to N.Y. city and meet some of their pals there.

"They said they were going to California in Feb to kidnap Anne McPherson and get her money - but would keep her and handle her rough (and then they talked awful bad) and then kill her. They said if they let her live she would talk on them and they would get a big punishment; and if they killed her they could hide her body where nobody could ever find it, and then said we will get her if it takes an 10 years.

"I waited more than 1/2 hour for them to drive away - finally I decided to start home and I walked right out.

"When they saw me going down the road they rolled to me saying: 'Wait, please and I hesitated a few minutes - then he said: 'You are the girl in this building who got away from the police?' He asked me if I heard them say they were going to kidnap and kill Anne McPherson - and I replied I did hear them say that.

"They asked me if I knew her. I told him I never saw her, but heard about her.

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"Then they said to me if I let her or any one else know this - they would kidnap and kill me. That she and I would meet the same fate.

"If Mrs. McPherson knew this, she would have a body guard and when those criminals see she is guarded they would at once leave I exposed their secret and told her.

"I have no money to pay a body guard for myself.

"You know it would not be right and fair for me to sacrifice my life to save her.

"Before you tell her of this, please ask her if she would not gladly give a person \$3000. to save her life, and of course she will say yes. Ask her to deposit \$3000. with you for that purpose and you will tell her all - it means loss of life to her if she is not protected and the same to me for disclosing the secret.

"I honestly must hire a body-guard and I have no money. I am kind enough to be the means of saving her life. She surely must give me \$3000. for my protection.

"I am a school teacher of several years experience and Evangelist and preached the Gospel in a foreign land.

"I am highly respected by all who know me, and have many accomplishments.

"An highly nervous illness caused me not to teach school during the past three years, and I am not yet home.

"Please let Mrs. McPherson and assist in this.

"I am grateful about it. Mrs. McPherson and assist in this.

"I hope to hear from you soon. Thanking you.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

"Very truly yours,

"Dolly M. Christian"

The following enclosure was with the foregoing letter.

* - Special -

"I want you to have and keep \$1000. of the
sum I asked for - and please send me \$2000. She will
leave me \$3000 with you.

"I do not want any news-paper reporter or
anyone else but you to know this terrible secret my
suggestion in this letter is best way to do.

Dolly M. Christian

Following self-addressed stamped envelope was enclosed:

"Dolly Christian. 34 stamp
Peekskill.
N. Y.
P. O. Box, Westchester County."

Above quoted note was enclosed in following envelope:

"From
Dolly M. Christian
Peekskill
P. O. Box, Westchester Co., N. Y.
To Mr. Willard Andrews
Attorney at Law
Los Angeles,
Calif."

All foregoing letter, note and envelope were enclosed
in following envelope:

"after five days return to
D. M. Christian (Registered) (N.Y. 222)
P. O. Box. Return Receipt Requested
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(JAN 5 1937 Second Notice JAN 6 1937)

Mr. Willard Andrews
Registered (Attorney at Law)
Return receipt desired Los Angeles, California
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PERKIE. UNSUB, MRS. DAVID SELZNICK, VICTIM. ANNA MAY KING, VICTIM.
EXTORTION. ADOLPH SIMPLE MCPHERSON TODAY RECEIVED LETTER POSTMARKED
LOS ANGELES MARCH TWENTY FOURTH FOUR P M LETTER SIGNED DR A M FOOTE
IN WHICH WRITER CLAIMS THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT
HAVING CONVINCED POLICE OFFICERS HE HAD NO PART IN WRITING LETTERS
TO VICTIMS. WRITER MADE NO DEMAND NOR THREAT EXCEPT ASKED
MCPHERSON TO COME TO HIS ROOM AT THREE THIRTY AM AS HAD ROLE FOR
HER IN MOVING. ALSO MENTIONS SELZNICK WILL PRODUCE HIS PLAY
AND HIS CHILD WILL BE RETURNED UNHARMED. THE WRITER ALSO MENTIONED
THAT DR MCCOY HAD IMPORTANT WORK TO DO. SELZNICK CHILD OF COURSE
HAS NOT BEEN KIDNAPED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Los Angeles, California
March 28, 1937.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
Mrs. David Belnick, Victim;
Anna May Wong, Victim.
EXTORTION
L. A. File 9-175

In connection with the above entitled case, there is attached hereto the original of a letter received by ADMEK SIMPLI McPHERSON, together with the envelope in which it was mailed. It will be noted that the envelope is postmarked "Los Angeles, California, March 24, 1937, 4 PM, Arcade Annex". It will also be noted that the letter bears the signature of Dr. A. M. Foote, Waldemar Hotel, 606 S. Hope St., L. A., and is similar to the letters sent to Mrs. David Belnick and Anna May Wong.

The Bureau will also find attached to this letter the fingerprints of the following individuals who handled this letter:

OWEN R. KNIGHT, Manager and treasurer of
Angelo Temple, Los Angeles;

KATHERINE J. KNIGHT, Secretary to Mr. Knight;

BILLY ANKLES, a clerk in Mr. Knight's office.

The enclosed letter was delivered to Special Agent (A) M. B. Myerson by Detectives in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, who advise that the three above mentioned individuals were the only ones who handled the document, however, in the opinion of the writer, others also handled the letter.

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory make an appropriate study of the attached letter, endeavoring to de-

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velop any latent fingerprints found on it, using the fingerprint cards which are enclosed for elimination purposes.

A photostatic copy of the enclosed letter is being retained in the Los Angeles file.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Extortionist sentenced

Mrs. Lydia Mary Swenson, the 64-year-old housewife who admitted having sought to extort \$200 from **Franklin Almon Temple McPherson**, today faced a three-months jail sentence, and a \$100 fine.

The sentence was imposed by Superior Judge William T. Agnew, who modified it, however, to the extent of setting aside the jail sentence provided Mrs. Swenson paid the fine and left the county within 48 hours.

A probation officer's report indicated the woman is a resident of Minnesota, and that her husband is wealthy.

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LOS ANGELES *Even* NEWS
MAY 1 - 1937

Secret Extortion
Suspect Arrested

Actress' Questioned

POLICE STUDY THREAT NOTES

AN ACTRESS' letter threatening to reveal the identity of a man they had met in a hotel in Alhambra, California, is being studied by police. The letter, which was dated May 10, was received by the police on May 11. The actress, who is known as 'A. M. Fosse', is a well-known figure in the Los Angeles area. She is currently under the custody of the police. The letter, which was written in a threatening tone, stated that she had met a man in a hotel in Alhambra and that she was going to reveal his identity to the public. The police are currently studying the letter and have not yet taken any action.

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Actress Questioned

Secret Extortion Suspect Arrested

Psychiatrist Gives Samples of Handwriting to Plot Investigators

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they said was Mrs. Thompson's name in a previous message.

Death Threat

On her arrest the officers declared Mrs. Thompson threatened. Of those persons a charge against me I'll kill her. Almore's Temple will stand long if my name gets into the papers.

Letter to Almore

The letter read:
"Almore Sample Melherson
My dear brother and giver of all good gifts in the name of our Heavenly Father I am writing greatly needed aid. I have a bill that must be paid and no means except you and I am sure to save you well and no you will send it by return mail.

As delay as you are in great danger of the Black Hand I have had a vision that you are the only one that can help me. Please send me \$1000 so I can get it by Saturday the 11th of March. Now and you shall find and then will receive. Keep these promises and you will be blessed and prosperous. Beware of you with fall.

"Mrs. L. Almore
285 North Central Ave.
Glendale, Calif.

The other letter sent to Mrs. M. Purnell in an obvious effort to substantiate his signature of "A. M. Purnell" began:

"I have just been released from custody as I have convinced police officials that I had no part in the letters to Mrs. Seizick and Anna May Wong and if you feel safe in resending this letter to police I feel quite confident of again convincing them I did not write this mischievous."

Apology to Star

With a cryptic mention of "Institution T. Almore and Purnell" in a previous article a good aware of the letter and that "Institution" had been "Institution T. Almore" first supposed in regard to Miss Wong and mentioned in her trial witness report.

Following the following to Almore a Japanese boy because of his ability to Almore, and a location of plans for a motion picture involving Almore made a card picture which included a demand that Miss Melherson pay the writer at 3:30 o'clock to be shown in disguise.

'I Am Jesus'

"When you converse with me the letter showed 'you will have it revealed to you that I am Jesus a high born Jesus but I have too many assumed man's burdens and feel not completed without your aid."

While Federal and local authorities were checking the note, District Attorney Burton Pitts disclosed he was holding a man under technical arrest while handwriting experts studied his penmanship, in comparison with the original extortion note to Miss Wong, Mrs. Seizick and Doctor Frode.

Pitts would not reveal the identity of the suspect but said he can know Miss Wong, Seizick and Doctor Frode and fitted into the picture.

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investigation of the writer's plan to appear in a motion picture of his own in which he would play the part of Jesus. The letter to Doctor Frode informed him that the "king" had selected him as intermediary to receive the money and await instructions for payment to the writer.

After a 20-minute interview with Miss Wong, Pitts said he is convinced that she was merely the innocent victim selected by the apparently twisted mind of the letter writer. She could, he said, think of nothing that might have suggested her to the writer of threats as a possible victim.

As if he knew Doctor Frode, Miss Wong replied that she was well acquainted with him. Pitts said:

Clad in Robes

Miss Wong was escorted to the District Attorney's office by Deputy District Attorney Wesley Kogutson, T. R. Conlon, her manager, and Miss Colleen Conlon. She wore a long black cloak over the silken Chinese robes that brought a strangely eerie note to the prison surroundings, and appeared nervous.

As Mr. Reynolds entrance into the case remained veiled in mystery. Authorities would not say why he had been asked to cooperate, saying only that the case is very much under investigation and that they were following every possible line which might lead to a clue.

Doctor Reynolds examined himself as completely mystified as to why he had been asked to aid in the investigation and said that he knew nothing of the case except what he had read in newspapers.

Widely known as a psychic and



DR. REYNOLDS LIGHTS CIGARETTE

and it means except you and I am sure to save yourself and me. It still would be a return mail.

"I delay as you are in great danger of the Black Hand. I have had a vision that you are the only one that can help me. Please send me \$1000 on Saturday the 24th of March, week and you shall find and then will receive. Keep these promises and you will be blessed and prosperous. Beware of you will fall."

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Apology to Star

With a cryptic mention of information that local and Federal and espionage officials are not aware of, the letter said that "circumstances had been such that the writer had been unable to reveal to her the writer's apologies."

"I purloined the clothing to dress in a Japanese boy because of my loyalty to America and execution of plans for a million dollars involving Selnick made a card pattern which included a demand that Mrs. McPherson meet the writer at 3:30 o'clock this morning in disguise."

'I Am Jesus'

"When you converse with me, the letter closed, 'you will hate it revealed to you that I am Jesus, a much worn Jesus but I have for ages assumed man's burdens and feel not completed without your aid.'"

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While this new figure appeared in the story the fictionlike complexities of the case were heightened by the dramatic appearance at the District Attorney's office of Anne May Wong, clad in silken Chinese robes, and the mysterious entrance into the situation of Dr. Fred Reynolds, psychiatrist and author.

Question Actress

Miss Wong was questioned as to any possible knowledge she might have and would disclose the identity of the man who looks just like Jesus, and she wrote the letter to him with its demand for \$20,000 as a sinister threat if she failed to help him obtain production of a new picture.

Doctor Reynolds, declaring that he knew nothing of the case and was not acquainted with Miss Wong, Selnick and Doctor Foye, willingly gave his fingerprints and samples of handwriting to aid in the investigation. Federal investigators concerned in the inquiry said that Washington would be asked to help by expert study of the threatening letters and the handwriting samples.

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DR. REYNOLDS LIGHTS CIGARETTE

The author of "Broadway Zenith" in the District Attorney's office, where he gave samples of his handwriting to investigators of the Selnick Wong extortion case.

Photo by Tom Sherry. Reprint by permission of the Associated Press.

and expert witness in many cases involving the question of insanity. Doctor Reynolds is also a writer. He is the author of "The Mystery of the Broadway Zenith" and "The Sleepwalker," a play which is being produced by a little theater group.

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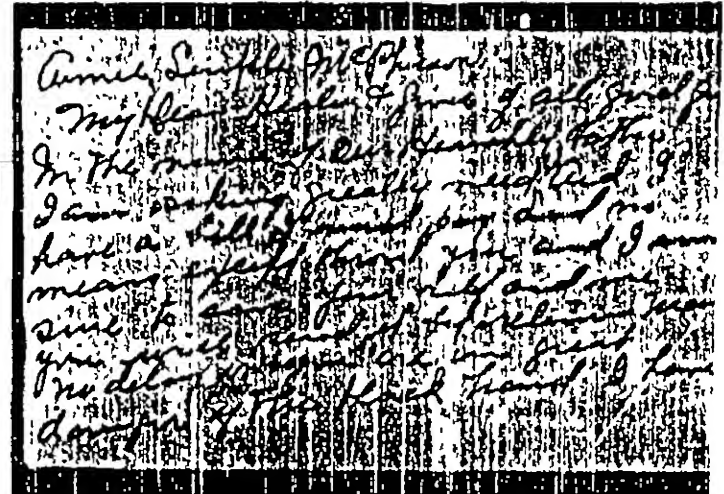
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Woman Suspect, and Threat Sent to Aimee



DETECTIVE LIEUT. ROBERT UNDERWOOD AND
MRS. LYDIA SWENSON

They are pictured leaving her home after she was arrested
on writer of an extortion letter to Mrs. McPherson.



LETTER RECEIVED BY MRS. AIMEE McPHERSON

Detectives said Mrs. Swenson wrote for it and that the paper and ink corresponded to a letter similar to that sent to Aimee.

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DETECTIVE LIEUT. ROBERT UNDERWOOD AND
MRS. LYDIA SWENSON

They are pictured leaving her home after she was arrested
on receipt of an extortion letter to Mrs. McPherson.

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POLICE SAIL SUSPECT IN FILM THREATS

Two Notes Sent to Evangelist
Bring Two Artists' Check
Handwritten: On Celluloid
Arrest of a middle-aged
Minnesota woman on charges
of sending a threatening let-
ter to Alvin Karpis, McPherson
and called as a dramatic addi-
tion yesterday in investiga-
tion of blackie extortion notes
directed at Anna May Wong,
Chinese film star, and Mrs.
David O. Reardon, wife of the
screen producer.
A woman, it was revealed
that a man in her name was with-
held from her custody while
she was waiting to bring her
home with her of the money
which demanded \$20,000 each
from the actress and producer's
with no hope of their recovery.
Notes to have hand-
written.
Two Notes Sent
The note to Mrs. McPherson
which brought about the arrest
of a blackie.

The earlier letters, it was
found, with blackie references to
a Biblical canon picture and also
to Japanese espionage, and also
them was signed with the name
of "A. M. Price, M. D.," a third
recipient of extortion notes Tues-
day.

\$200 Demanded
Charged with sending a letter
to Mrs. McPherson demanding
\$200 with a cryptic warning
against the "Black Hand," Mrs.
Lydia Swenson, 51, of 708 North
Central street, Glendale, was
taken into custody by Detective
Lieutenant J. R. P. Wickman
and D. R. Patton.
Through a raid, they said, they
induced her to write a note sim-
ilar to that received by the even-
ing, in paper and with purple
ink that matched. The note was
signed "Mrs. L. Allen," which
continued on page of Chicago.

WOMAN CONFESES TO PLOT AGAINST AMER

POLICE JAIL SUSPECT IN FILM THREATS

Two Notes Sent to Evergreen
Bring Two Arrests
Hardening On Letters

Arrest of a middle-aged Minnesota woman on charges of writing a threatening letter to Alvin Karpis and his son came as a dramatic climax yesterday in investigation of mail exchange notes directed at Anna May Wong, Chinese film star and wife of David O. Selznick, wife of the screen producer.

Apparently it was revealed that a man whose name was withheld in a "confidential" capacity had been working to bring notes passed with that of the woman, which demanded \$20,000 from the actress and promised wife on pain of disfigurement, to learn to their families.

Two Notes Sent

The note to Mrs. Selznick, which brought about the arrest of a Glendale woman, was one of two addressed to the actress yesterday. It apparently had no connection with the letter from the actress, but the official report by news from the arrest of the wife of David Selznick.

The Glendale woman, who had been referred to as a Japanese espionage agent, was signed with the name of "A. M. Foster, M. D." a threat of extortion note.

1240 Deterred

Charged with writing a letter to Mrs. Selznick demanding \$20,000 with a check payable to the "Black Hand," Mrs. Lydia Swenson, 44, of 722 South Central avenue, Glendale, was taken into custody by Detective Lieutenants R. F. Underwood and D. B. Patton.

Through a ruse, they said, they induced her to write a note similar to those received by the actress, on paper and with penmanship that matched. The note was signed "Mrs. L. Alton," which

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Aimee Turns Up With 'Foote' Extortion

Evangelist Offered Role in 'Movie'

JUST when it looked as if Aimee Simple McPherson was about to be left high and dry with publicity splashing all around her, the timely mailman yesterday brought her an extortion note from the same apparent "crackpot," who cast Anna May Wong, Chinese actress, and David Selznick, studio chief, for big things in his film-life of Christ.

Mrs. McPherson thus went out in front, but not as far out in front as District Attorney Simon Fitts, who found himself again fearlessly prosecuting at third base, with Hearst on second and Chandler on first.

It looks like an extra-inning game. If the customers don't file out of the stands by the thousands before somebody hits a home run and sends the leaving tears to the showers.

"Dr. A. M. Foote," the bull in the "crackpottery shop" really could himself in his letter to Aimee. Except paragraphs and

"I write to you, as you have undertaken. Rhoda has equal understanding, but she does not have your children. Miss Wong can help us find the people who tortured this boy and we can get to Hearst the information we have.

"I want you to come down to my room at 230 S. W. and disguise your appearance. I have a role in the movie for you and I want Dr. McCoy in a part of Aaron and again as John, the Baptist.

"Then you converse with me, you will have it revealed to you that I am Jesus, a much-worn Jew, but I have for ages possessed these powers and I will not let you see me."

"This boy," to whom the good doctor referred, was identified as a "Japanese boy put to death by the cruel and savage of tortuous torments he was as particularly American that he was about to reveal to Rhoda, the girl of Japanese, his plans to his country."

Aimee was asked for \$200 by the doctor (Dr. McCoy) her business manager, but no time turning the letter over to the police.

In searching "through the Angeles Temple and bad. Knight found another crackpot letter his yesterday afternoon, asking "My dear Hower and Over of all Good" for \$200. Letter No. 2 was signed Mrs. L. Ahren, 743 South Central avenue, Glendale.

Two detective headquarters observed the address and took in carded there Mrs. Lydia Swenson, 44, wife of a retired Danish housewife, F. M. Swenson. Mrs. Swenson, during the search the money for a short payment on a new car, was located as supplier of extortion.

One of the most frequent notes of today in the day's proceedings was headed by Anna May Wong. Mrs. Wong visited District Attorney Fitts in company with T. R. Chasen, her business manager, and

his daughter, Colleen Chasen, she said, personally, she would not have done anything about the letters had not their existence been revealed through other sources.

"Actresses receive literally hundreds of this kind of letters constantly," Mrs. Wong told Fitts. "They do not frighten me, as I know they are the work of cranks and mentally unbalanced persons. I didn't attach any importance to the receipt of these present letters and I still do not believe they are important."

Dr. Cecil Reynolds, physician and playwright, was dragged into the "investigation" by district attorney's men. In response to their summons, he came to the district attorney's office accompanied by A. A. Hunsford, a member of the law firm of Hanson & Hunsford, admitted to various times, gave samples of his handwriting, left his fingerprints, and remained unimpressed, but puzzled.

The Western...
Mr. Tolson...
Mr. Clegg...
Mr. Glavin...
Mr. Ladd...
Mr. Nichols...
Mr. Rosen...
Mr. Tracy...
Mr. Carson...
Mr. Egan...
Mr. Gurnea...
Mr. Hendon...
Mr. Pennington...
Mr. Quinn...
Mr. Nease...
Mr. Gandy...

Handwritten signature: Lloyd

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LOS ANGELES EXAMINER

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Fanatic Sought In Threats

Man Who Looks Like
Artist's Christ Is
Hunted on Coast

LOS ANGELES, March 26 (U. P.)—Police today sought "the man who looks like the artist conception of Jesus," as the writer of threatening letters to Anna May Wong, Mrs. David O. Beland and Dr. A. M. Pease.

The writer has demanded money to aid in production a motion picture with himself in the role of Christ. In looking for physical characteristics, investigators have followed strange paths.

In the melodramatic case, since that developed when Alice Beale McPherson received two letters demanding \$7500 upon threat of harm, Mrs. Lydia Swenson, 41-year-old Oxnard housewife, was arraigned before Municipal Judge Clement D. Kye on a charge of sending the letters in an attempt to extort money. Her preliminary hearing was set for March 31. Bond was fixed at \$25,000.

Mrs. Swenson, admitting that she wrote the Alice letters, is not believed to be involved in the Wong and Beland cases. She lives at 171 1/2 E. 8th St. and is said to be Lincoln Heights girl.

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See at the bottom of the page a photograph of the man who looks like the artist conception of Jesus. He is being sought by Anna May Wong, Mrs. David O. Beland and Dr. A. M. Pease. The writer of the threatening letters is being sought by the police. The man who looks like the artist conception of Jesus is being sought by the police. The man who looks like the artist conception of Jesus is being sought by the police.

WOMAN, 43, CONFESSES \$200 EXTORTION PLOT

"Black Hand" Near to Almas Sample McPherson Traced to California Housewife.

By the Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, March 24.—A bottle of purple ink, Detective Lieut. Robert P. Underwood said today, caused a 43-year-old housewife to confess writing a "black hand" note to Almas Sample McPherson, demanding \$200.

The note, one of two received yesterday by the prosecutor, warned "you are in great danger of the black hand." "It needed \$200 to pay down on a new car," Underwood said the arrested woman explained. She was locked on suspicion of extortion as Mrs. Lydia Swenson. The note was signed "Mrs. L. Albert" but carried Mrs. Swenson's Omaha address. The officer asserted. When first questioned, Detective Underwood said, she denied any knowledge of a Mrs. Albert and insisted there was no ink in her house similar to the violet hue used in the extortion note.

A search disclosed a bottle of ink of identical shade and similar cards and envelopes in a suitcase. Underwood asserted. After her handwriting was checked, Underwood said, the woman admitted authorship.

Underwood identified Mrs. Swenson as the wife of F. M. Swenson, a retired Detroit, Mich., businessman, who said he had no knowledge of his wife's letter.

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**Woman Held For
Threat to Aimee.**

LOS ANGELES, March 24.
Mrs. Lydia Swenson, forty-three-
year-old wife of a retired Danish,
Minn., farmer, was taken into
custody tonight in connection with
a \$200 extortion letter received by
Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson.

At police headquarters she
showed her defiance by shouting:
"Aimee stole the money, and I
want to get money from Aimee.
If Aimee makes me any trouble,
I shall shoot her."

*Spokane
Daily Post*

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WASH TIMES

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Woman Admits Threat

LOS ANGELES — A middle-aged housewife admitted today to an attempt to kill and frame Strangler Anne Sophie Morrison, 3022 Lynde Graham, 42, wife of a retired banker, said she signed her own address to a threatening letter one of a growing crop of threats that have harassed prominent Californians for weeks.

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Bail in extortion case reduced

Mrs. Lydia Swanson, 44, the
Granada housewife who yesterday
wrote an amateurish but scathing
letter threatening to sue to
prosecutor Alvin Karpis McPherson,
was told for trial under \$5000
bail today.

Metropolitan Judge Clement M.
Rye reduced the bail from \$10,000
to \$5000 after preliminary
hearing yesterday, ordered her
to stand on a charge of extortion
on April 14.

The note, which demanded \$200,
was written on a gift-wrapped corre-
spondence card in purple ink. On
the inside of the envelope Mrs.
Swanson gave a fictitious name
but her own address, and her ex-
act followed in short order.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	

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Accused of Threatening Alston
LOS ANGELES, March 31 (AP)—
charged with sending a threatening
letter to Mrs. Alston, daughter of
Pharmaceuticals, Mrs. Lillian
Alston, forty-three years old, was
held today to answer charges of
sedition.

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CONFESSES DEMAND ON AIMEE



Greenville, Calif., March 24.—(AP Wirephoto)—Detectives Thursday night arrested Mrs. ~~John~~ Brown, whom they said took a note to Everett Earl James McPherson demanding \$750. They said she had no connection with other demands sent to Mrs. McPherson. Mrs. Brown, 35, is shown as she is questioned by a police lieutenant. Story on page 1A.

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HELD IN AIMEE THREAT **Woman Shouts Defiance of Evangel**

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Evangelist Aimee Joseph McPherson, 45, at police headquarters, the 45-year-old wife of a retired Danish, showed her defiance by shouting, "Aimee gets the money, and I want to get money from Aimee." Mrs. Handelman was taken into custody tonight in connection with a \$100 extortion held received by Aimee about \$100.

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**HEARS NOTE TO AMES
HOLDS WOMAN ON COAST**

LOS ANGELES, April 1 (UPI).—
Mrs. Lydia Kerschner, forty-three,
Indy, faced Superior Court trial
charged with writing Alvaro Benito
McPherson a note demanding \$200.
The woman, wife of a retired
Drake, Minn., lumberman, was
held for trial at a brief preliminary
hearing yesterday.

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Detectives Seek Writer of Threat to Aimee

While the police are seeking
Aimee's kidnaper, detectives are
also looking for the writer of a
threat to Aimee's life. The threat
was received by her father, Mr.
J. W. Aimee, and it was signed
"Capt. Bert W. Miller of the Los
Angeles Police Department." The
threat said that Aimee would be
killed if she did not stop her
activities. The threat was
received on May 10, 1937.

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**THREAT TO KIDNAP LADIE.
LAI'D TO DERANGED MAN**

LOS ANGELES, March 22 (UP).
—A deranged man was caught by
police today as the author of a note
threatening to kidnap Althea Temple
McPherson from her Angeleno
home.
Incoherent parts of the note in-
dicated it was written by a 37-year-
old man who said:

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

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WOMAN ADMITS AIMEE THREAT

Los Angeles, March 24.—(AP)—A bottle of purple ink. Detective Lieutenant Robert F. Underwood said Friday, caught a 43-year-old housewife in carding writing a "black hand" note to Aimee Semple McPherson, demanding \$300.

The note was one of two received Thursday by the evangelist.

"I needed \$300 to pay down on a new car," Underwood said the arrested woman explained. She was booked on suspicion of extortion as Mrs. Lydia Swenson. The note was signed "Mrs. M. Aimee" but carried Mrs. Swenson's Glendale address, the officer asserted.

When first questioned, Detective Underwood said, she denied any knowledge of a Mrs. Aimee and had stated there was no link in her home similar to the victim that sent off the extortion note.

A search disclosed a bundle of ink of identical shade and similar cards and envelopes in a box. Underwood asserted. After her hands writing was checked, Underwood said, the woman admitted authorship.

The note signed Sister Aimee as "My Dear Healer and Officer of All Good Ours," and added:

"I have a bill that must be paid and no means except you, and I am sure to save yourself and me you will send it by return mail.

"No delay, as you are in great danger of the black hand. I have had a vision that you are the only one that can help me, so please send me \$300. Keep these promises and you will be blessed and prosperous. Beware for you will fail."

The second letter sent Mrs. McPherson was signed "A. M. Fooks," and apparently was written by a weird subscriber who has been sought by investigators since Tuesday.

Notes bearing this signature and asking \$25,000 to avert a threat of harm were received this week by Anna May Wong, Chinese actress, and Mrs. David O. Selznick, wife of the film producer.

Detectives said they were warned by a crank or an enemy of A. M. Fooks, retired Los Angeles chiropractor. He received a letter signed "The Gang." It ordered him to act as intermediary for the extortion payments.

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THE DULUTH TRIBUNE, DULUTH, MINN., MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1937

Duluth Woman Admits Aimee Extortion Note

Says She Sought \$200
From Evangelist to Pay
on New Auto

Los Angeles—AP—Mrs. Lillian
Swenson, 42, wife of a retired Du-
luth, Minn., lumberman, confessed
today police said, to an attempt
to extort \$200 from the evangelist,
Aimee Semple McPherson.

Mrs. Swenson wanted the money
to pay for a down payment on a new
car, she told police. Then she
threatened Aimee.

"Aimee gets money from other
people so I'll get it from her."

Swenson previously charged Aimee
with kidnapping her. Aimee's lawyer
said today if any woman gets within
the papers.

When police called at the home
Mrs. Swenson indignantly denied the
any knowledge of the matter. She
said she had no idea of the matter.

Swenson similar to the one carrying
the threat.

Mrs. Swenson offered to dupli-
cate the note in her own handwriting.

Swenson is now in prison, she
said, but when she got out she
would be on her way.

Swenson said she had no idea of the matter.
She said she had no idea of the matter.

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LOS ANGELES — Brown, who pointed to "one dummy McPherson out of town," Mrs. Lillian Simmons, 43, is in jail for sending a threatening letter, demanding \$500. The money was "for a good deed."

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Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
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Miss Gandy	

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HOUSEWIFE HELD FOR AIMEE THREAT

Demanded \$200 From Evan-
gelist for New Car—Will
Kill Her, She Says

LOS ANGELES, March 26 (UPI)—
A middle-aged housewife detained
today police said, on an attempt to
extort \$200 from the Evangelist
Aimee Temple McPherson.
She was Mrs. Lydia Brownson,
forty-three wife of a retired lumber
man. She claimed her own address
is a Chatsworth address.
Mrs. Brownson accused the evangelist
of a down payment on a new car,
she told police. There she showed
defendant.
"Aimee says many other
people in the Los Angeles area,
Aimee says, A charge against
the FBI has. Aimee's temple
don't come long of my letter and
into the person."
Gave Own Address.
Police were directed to the Brown-
son home by Mrs. Brownson, letter
which gave an address where the
money was to be sent. Mrs. Brown-
son said. "Mrs. A. Brownson is wife
the Brownson's address. Brownson
paid \$100 was his wife's letter by
a previous letter."

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

DATE
Time - 6:45 PM

February 8, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Ross called me from Los Angeles at this time and said that he had just received a call from the Los Angeles Examiner to the effect that a man named Hart had surrendered at the office of the Examiner, stating that he had sent a letter through the mails to Aime Semple McPherson demanding \$10,000 on threat of death. Mr. Ross stated that Mrs. McPherson did receive such a letter today, postmarked last night at 7 P. M., and that the Los Angeles Examiner wanted the Los Angeles Bureau Office to come get Hart; they apparently not notifying the Police or anyone else. Mr. Ross stated that last Saturday, Hart, who is a one-legged man, gave himself up to the United States Marshal, who sent Hart to the Los Angeles Bureau Office. At that time Hart told a story that he had sent a threatening letter to Mrs. McPherson threatening to publish a photograph of her in the nude if she did not give him so much money. However, at that time a check with Mrs. McPherson indicated that no such letter had been received by her, and as the Post Office Inspectors did not desire to take any action Hart was not held. Mr. Ross asked what action should be taken in this matter.

I told Mr. Ross to get Hart from the newspaper office and also get the letter from Mrs. McPherson, after which the entire facts should be presented to the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,
E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm

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LOS ANGELES CITY TEL.
 February 9, 1939

Aimee Slaying Threat Bared

Crippled Man Confesses
 Extortion Attempt



James E. Hart (aka Wirehead)
 LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 (AP)—De-
 partments of Justice agents
 were told Wednesday by a con-
 science-stricken crippled man that
 he sent a death-threat letter to
 Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson
 because "I thought I might
 bluff her into leaving me alone."
 The letter, demanding \$10,000, was
 received by the evangelist Tuesday.
 A few hours later, James E. Hart
 voluntarily surrendered and was
 booked at the county jail on sus-
 picion of attempted extortion, with
 bail set at \$10,000.
 The note warned Mrs. McPherson
 that "unless you pay me \$10,000
 in cash you will be overtake by
 quick death in your home." It was
 signed with a question mark.
 "I never intended to harm her,"
 Agent John Harman quoted Hart as
 saying.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover

Handwritten mark: a large, stylized '9' or 'Q'.

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Cripple Confesses Sending \$10,000 Demand to Aimee

Charged with using the mails in an attempt to extort \$10,000 from Evangelist Almore Bample McPherson, on a threat of "death in your home," James E. Hart, 28, cripple of 347 South Los Angeles street, yesterday surrendered to Federal agents and was jailed.

It was the second time within a week a would-be extortionist surrendered before a threatening letter had reached his intended victim. The first note was sent to Postmistress Mary D. Briggs and threatened death unless \$10,000 were paid to the sender. James Winthrop, former convict, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on charges of using the mails to extort, and was being returned to the County Jail at about the same time Hart was being booked at the jail on a similar complaint.

Both Winthrop, who walked into a police station before Mrs. Briggs had received his note, and Hart, who similarly surrendered before Mrs. McPherson had received the one sent her, claimed they had given themselves up rather than face relentless pursuit by Federal authorities.

Hart said he had hoped to "bluff" Abracz into sending the money, but that he had not intended to harm her. Witherspoon, following his arrest, said he wanted to "make the left hand" as he couldn't get along on the "outside."

"Hoax or not," a Federal agent declared, "we can't let these fellows get away with it. If they want to make prison, we'll accommodate them." □ □ □

The Federal Grand Jury will consider Hart's case next Wednesday, while Winthrop is scheduled for arraignment in Federal Court next Monday.

Mr. Thomas
Mr. Williams
Mr. Black
Mr. Clark
Mr. Evans
Mr. Ford
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Hall
Mr. Jones
Mr. King
Mr. Lee
Mr. Miller
Mr. Moore
Mr. Nelson
Mr. Parker
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Reed
Mr. Smith
Mr. Taylor
Mr. White
Mr. Wright
Mr. Young

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS
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CRIPPLE ADMITS

AIMEE DEATH NOTE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8 (AP)—A conscience-stricken cripple told Department of Justice agents today that he sent a death-threat letter to Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson because "I thought I might bluff her into sending me some money." The letter, demanding \$10,000, was received by the evangelist yesterday. Later, James E. Hart voluntarily surrendered and was booked at the county jail on suspicion of attempted extortion. "I never intended to harm her," Hart said.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
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 Mr. Rosen _____
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 Mr. Gurnea _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Mr. Gandy _____

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AIMEE'S THREATENER



TODAY IN LOS ANGELES

James E. Hart, a kidnaper, today surrendered and confessed that he sent a threatening letter to Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson because "I thought I might burn her out of some money."

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—Department of Justice agents were told today by a confidential source that he sent a death-threat letter to Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson because "I thought I might burn her out of some money."

The note, which was dated Jan. 22, was found in the apartment yesterday.

Later today, James E. Hart voluntarily surrendered and was booked at the county jail on suspicion of attempted extortion, with bail set at \$10,000.

The note warned Mrs. McPherson that unless you pay me \$10,000 in cash you will be overtaken by quick death in your home. It was marked with a circled number 12.

James intended to harm her, said John Herman, attorney at law.

Seattle Times
Seattle, Washington
February 9, 1938

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Mr. Thompson
Mr. Wilson
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Carter
Mr. Allen
Mr. Brown
Mr. Davis
Mr. Evans
Mr. Foster
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Hall
Mr. Jones
Mr. King
Mr. Lewis
Mr. Miller
Mr. Moore
Mr. Parker
Mr. Reed
Mr. Smith
Mr. Taylor
Mr. White

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[Signature]

Date: _____
 By: _____
 For: _____
 Signature: _____

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The man told reporters while awaiting arrival of Federal agents, "I was just tired of being a bum and thought I might turn around and ask for the same money. I never intended to harm her."

No. T-1

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9-3458-1X

February 14, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be
advised that an examination of the fingerprint records
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose
any data concerning the following:

James E. Hart

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Very truly yours, FEB 15 1938

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form 7-1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

L.A.

FILE NO.

9-212

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/18/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/2, 8, 9/38	REPORT MADE BY A. R. MILLER
TITLE JAMES E. HART alias Charles King; ALICE SEMPLE MC PHERSON - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, age 33, a beggar, wrote and mailed a handwritten letter to ALICE SEMPLE MC PHERSON on February 7, 1938, demanding \$10,000 and threatening quick death if money not forthcoming. Subject voluntarily surrendered himself to the Los Angeles Examiner, a daily newspaper, Feb. 8, 1938, and was taken into custody by Bureau Agents on the same day. Subject, in signed statement, admitted writing and mailing note. Subject admitted he had previously on Feb. 1, 1938, sent a letter to MRS. MC PHERSON threatening to publish a nude photograph. This letter never received by MRS. MC PHERSON. Complaint filed Feb. 9, 1938, before U. S. Commissioner DAVID B. REED for violation Title 18, Section 338a, U.S.C.A., Extortion. Bond \$10,000. Original letter, sample stationery, and handwriting specimens forwarded to Technical Laboratory.

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DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

This case originated on information received from MR. LEWIS of the Editorial Department of the Los Angeles Examiner, who, on February 8, 1938, called the Bureau Office and stated that there was presently in

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his office an individual named HART who had confessed to writing and mailing an extortion letter to AIMEE SEMPLE MC PHERSON on February 7, 1938.

Agent and Special Agent F. M. Stone took subject HART into custody at the Los Angeles Examiner Office on February 8, 1938, and brought him to the bureau office for questioning. It is here noted that on February 5, 1938, subject HART came into the Los Angeles Bureau Office and was interviewed by Special Agent W. P. Morin, whose memorandum in connection with this interview follows:

JAMES E. HART, 347 South Los Angeles St., Los Angeles, California, came into this office today and stated that he wanted to give himself up to the Federal authorities; that he had sent an extortion letter to Aimee Semple McPherson on Tuesday, February 1, 1938, in which letter he threatened to publish a photograph of Aimee Semple McPherson in the nude if she didn't place \$100,000. in an old shoe box by Saturday night, February 5, 1938. HART stated that he decided not to go through with his scheme and stated that he knew that the Federal officials would get him if he did; that he decided to give himself up and save the Government a lot of time. As this did not come within the purview of this Bureau and came within the jurisdiction of the Post Office Department, Inspector E. D. Chance of the Post Office Department was contacted telephonically and advised of the above facts. Inspector Chance stated that he would get in contact with MRS. McPHERSON to ascertain if she had received such a letter as HART stated he had sent to her. Inspector Chance telephonically communicated with this Agent and advised that he had spoken to MRS. McPHERSON'S secretary who advised him that no such letter had been received; that if one had been received, it would have been transmitted to the proper authorities. In view of these facts, Inspector Chance advised that his department would not want to hold HART. HART'S address and description was given to Chance. HART stated that he had lived around Los Angeles for about nine years.

JAMES E. HART was fingerprinted by Special Agent W. P. Morin and these prints are being forwarded to the bureau. In view of the fact that HART was suffering from arthritis, it was difficult to obtain a good set of prints. The following is a description of JAMES E. HART as observed by Agent Morin:

NAME	JAMES E. HART, alias Charles King
Born	Alexandria, Indiana, October 6, 1904.
Height	5' 6"
Weight	120 lbs.

Build	Slight
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black - streaked with gray
Residence	347 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California
Occupation	Sells pencils
Relatives	None
Complexion	Fair
Nationality	American
Glasses	None
Moustache	None
Scars & Marks	Left arm - tattoos - Indian head near wrist Bathing girl Girl's head September morn Girl's legs Right arm - tattoos - Buffalo Bill bathing beauty Girl's legs Heart Nude woman Rose Right leg - amputated 8" below knee.

It is here noted that no such letter as set out above
was received by MRS. MC PHERSON.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting

Upon interview with HART on February 8, 1938, he furnished
signed statement concerning his having written the extortion letter
January 7, 1938, which is set out as follows:

*2-8-38
Los Angeles, Cal.

"I, James E. Hart, freely and voluntarily make the
following statement to A. H. Miller, Special Agent Federal Bureau of
Investigation U. S. Dept. of Justice without any threats or promises
being made to me. I am 33 years of age, single & for the past year
have lived at 347 South Los Angeles St. L. A. The only gainful occupa-
tion I have is peddling pencils on the streets as I lost my right leg
in 1922. I have been in California steadily since 1930. The only
criminal record I have is being arrested for drunkenness.

On Feb. 1st 1938 I wrote & mailed a letter to Aimee Temple McPherson demanding \$100,000 & threatening to publish a nude picture of Aimee McPherson if she did not comply. I did not have any such photograph. I wrote this letter at my hotel room & mailed the same at a mail box at Main St. on February 2nd. I decided to give myself up to the Government for doing this & called at the office of Mr. B. F. Morin on Saturday Feb. 5 - 1938 where I talked to Special Agent A. P. Morin & was released, & being told it was not a violation over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation had jurisdiction.

On February 7th I wrote another letter to Aimee Temple McPherson, demanding \$10,000.00 & threatening death if she did not comply with the request contained in it. I have never shown this letter by Special Agent Miller & state that it is the very same letter & wrote and mailed to Aimee McPherson on Monday February 7th 1938. I am troubled with arthritis & nervousness & have not been able to secure the proper treatment & decided to shoot for something big, not caring about the consequences. It was my intention at the time I wrote & mailed this second letter to carry on out the threats.

On thinking the matter over, however on Tuesday February 8, 1938 I decided I could not get away with it so decided to turn myself in to the authorities. I called at the office of the Los Angeles Examiner about 2:30 or 3 P.M. on Feb. 8 - 1938 & told Mr. Lewis there what I had done & stated I wanted to give myself up to the proper authorities. I am willing to plead guilty to this offense & get it over with.

The paper on which I wrote these letters is regular note book paper & I used a small plain white envelope. The name Chas King I used was a fictitious name I made up. I have other similar stationery & envelopes in my room No 7 - at the Edison Annex Hotel.

I have read this statement consisting of 2 pages written in long hand and the same is true & correct to my best knowledge & belief.

/s/ JAMES. E. HART.

Witnesses:

F. A. STONE, Special Agent

A. P. MORIN, Special Agent

A. J. MILLER, Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Dept of Justice 603 Pacific Commerce Bldg.

Feb. 8, 1938

Special Agent E. J. Deehan, on February 8, 1938, called on the Charles Temple and there interviewed DR. JAMES H. KNIGHT, General Manager and Treasurer of the Church of the Four Square Gospel, who furnished Agent Deehan with the original extortion letter, which is set out as follows:

"Feb 7 1938

"Dear Alice - warning take notice
"Dear Madam unless you pay me \$10,000 dollars in cash you will
be overtaken by quick death in your home. do not notify the
police or federal authorities I am giving you until Friday to
think it over. if you decide, just do this; Make out money -
order payable to Charles - King general Delivery Los Angeles
California. also address the mail to Charles King general Delivery
Los Angeles California

signed - ? ? ?

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This letter was addressed in a plain white envelope
to "Miss Alice McPherson Angeles Temple 1100 Glendale Bld. Los
Angeles Calif." and was sent Special Delivery with five 2¢ stamps
on it, leaving 2¢ postage due which was paid at the Temple upon
receipt of the letter on February 8. The postmark on the letter
is Los Angeles, California, February 7, 7 P.M., and the letter was
written on ruled notebook paper with perforations on the left side.
This letter was photostated in the Los Angeles Bureau Office and
copies are being retained in the Los Angeles files.

At the time of the arrest of subject at the Los Angeles
Bureau, Agent was handed by Mr. LEWIS, an exact copy of this
letter together with an envelope which is an exact copy of the
envelope in which the original letter was mailed. MR. LEWIS stated
that MR. HART had given him this letter at the time he came to the
office, advising him that this was an exact copy of the letter he
had sent to MR. MC PHERSON, and that he had made it at the same
time the original note had been written.

Samples of handwriting of the subject were taken, and
are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison.

On February 9, 1938, Agent, with the authority of
Assistant United States Attorney W. F. PALMER, filed a complaint
against subject HART, charging him with violation of Title 18,
Section 338a, U.S.C.A., Extortion. Bond was set at \$10,000.00.

was removed to the Los Angeles County Jail on the evening of February 8, 1938.

On February 9, 1938, Agent called at the residence of ~~ADAM~~ which is the Edison Annex Hotel, 347 South Los Angeles. ~~ADAM~~ was admitted to the room of subject by the proprietor. In a drawer of a small table in room 7, Agent secured an envelope similar to the envelope used in the original extortion letter, and from a small notebook, secured three samples of the notebook paper which seems to be identical with that used in the original extortion letter. It is noted that the first of these sample sheets clearly bears the imprint of the original extortion letter, it being possible to read the extortion letter by holding the sample sheet at a certain angle to the light. This sample sheet has been initialed by Special Agent Miller, and is being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison.

Subject was fingerprinted and his prints have been forwarded to the Bureau.

On February 9, 1938, Agent interviewed DR. GILES N. ~~ADAM~~ at the Angelus Temple, who stated that the extortion letter had not been handled by any of the employees at the Angelus Temple, but that a metal letter opener was used, consequently, no employees of the Temple were fingerprinted. DR. ENIGHT furnished the following description of the victim, ADAM SEMPLE MC PHERSON.

Age	LA
Height	5' 5"
Weight	132 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Address	1100 Glendale Boulevard
Telephone	Exposition 1111
Complexion	Good, fair
Teeth	Good
Occupation	Evangelist
Scars and marks	Carbuncle scars on both arms.

DEVELOPED LEAD: THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles will follow and report prosecutive action.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

903 Pacific Commerce Building

437 South Hill Street

Los Angeles, California

February 18, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JAMES E. HART, alias
Charles King; ALICE
SEMPLE McPHERSON - Victim
EXTORTION
L. A. File No. 9-242

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, an original extortion letter addressed to "MISS ALICE McPHERSON, Angeles Temple, 1100 Glendale Bld. Los Angeles, Calif." This letter is written on a sheet of lined notebook paper, and was dated February 7, 1938, and commences as follows:

"Dear Alice (warning take notice
Dear madam unless you pay me
\$10,000 dollars in cash you will
be overtaken by quick death in
your home. Et cetera."

together with the original envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 7, 7 P M, and bearing five two cent stamps and two one cent postage stamps.

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This letter was written by subject JAMES E. HART, alias CHARLES KING on February 7, and mailed to the Victim, ALICE SEMPLE McPHERSON, on that date.

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Fingerprints of the subject have been forwarded to the Identification Unit.

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Attached hereto is a small white envelope identical with that used in the extortion letter and with the identical address written thereon. In this envelope there is also included, in the handwriting of the subject, an exact copy of the original letter, with a statement from the subject as to the time of writing of the letter. There is also attached a specimen of the handwriting of the subject, JAMES E. HART, dictated to him by Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles.

A. [Handwritten signature]

Under cover of L.A. 9-242 and Specimens Retained in Laboratory - 1/18/38 - 1/19/38

Director

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February 18, 1938

Agent A. E. Miller under date of February 8, 1938, the specimen being the extortion letter above-mentioned. There is also attached a plain white envelope, within which there is enclosed three sample sheets of the notebook paper similar to that used in the extortion letter, the first of these specimens having thereon indentations visible to the naked eye, showing that the original extortion letter was written on a sheet of this stationery immediately over this particular specimen of the notebook paper. This paper was taken from the room of subject under date of February 9, 1938, by Special Agent Miller.

Photostatic copies of the original extortion letter have been made in the Los Angeles Bureau Office.

The Technical Laboratory is requested to process the original extortion letter for latent fingerprints and to compare the handwriting of the original extortion letter with the sample of the handwriting taken from the person of the subject at the time of his arrest and also the specimen taken from him at the Los Angeles Bureau Office at the dictation of a Bureau Agent.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON

Special Agent in Charge

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Specimens Retained in Laboratory

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March 16, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Re: James E. Hart, alias Charles King;
Alma Temple McPherson, Victim;
Extortion.

With reference to Laboratory Report #21554, in connection with the
above case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

9-3488-1 Q1 and Q2.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure

March 11, 1938.

9-3450-8
Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Re: James E. Hart, alias Charles King;
Aimee Semple McPherson, Victim;
Extortion.

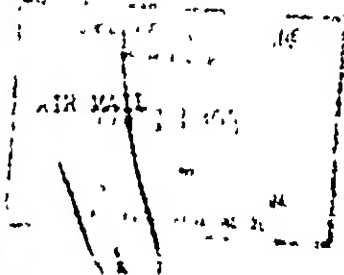
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau February 23, 1938.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

March 11, 1938.

Case: James E. Hart, alias Charles King;
Alonso Sample McPherson, Victim;
Extortion.

Number: 9-3458-3

Specimens: (See attached sheet)

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: February 23, 1938

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination.

Examination by Blackburn

Specimen Q1 is a plain white envelope addressed in pencil. The envelope measures approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches and contains no watermark. This envelope is similar to envelopes submitted and designated as K1 and K2.

Specimen Q2 is handwritten in pencil on a sheet of notebook paper from a "spiral" notebook, having two rounded corners on the right-hand edge and forty-three $1/16$ inch holes at the left edge for binding. The paper is ruled with nineteen blue-green lines starting approximately 1.1 inches from the top of the page and spaced an average distance of .375 inches apart. The paper contains no watermark, measures approximately 7 by $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches and has a substance number of approximately 11. This paper is identical to the paper submitted and designated as K1 and K2. On specimen Q2 are found indentations of the writing of specimen K2. On specimen K2 are found indentations of the writing of both Q1 and Q2.

The material submitted was treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none of value was found.

The handwriting contained on this extortion letter and envelope will be compared with that contained in the anonymous letter file in the Laboratory and if any identification is made you will be further advised. A photographic copy of this handwriting will be placed in the anonymous letter file.

A comparison of the known handwriting of James E. Hart with the handwriting contained on Q1, Q2 and K2 has resulted in the conclusion that these were written by James E. Hart.

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Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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2-Los Angeles
2-Laboratory

Laboratory Report

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- Q1 One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, February 7, 1938, 7 P. M.", stamped "Special Delivery" with five two-cent and two one-cent stamps affixed. Stamped "Postage due 2 cents."
- Q2 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q1 dated February 7, 1938, which reads "warning take notice Dear aines"
- Q3 One envelope in handwriting of James E. Hart, addressed to "Miss Aimee McPherson, Angeles Temple, 1000 Glendale Bld, Los Angeles, Cal."
- Q4 One sheet in handwriting of James E. Hart, dated February 7, 1938, which reads "warning take notice Dear aines"
- Q5 One sheet, yellow, dated February 7, 1938 in the handwriting of James E. Hart, which reads "Dear aines warning take notice"
- Q6 One blank envelope, same kind and size as Q1.
- Q7 Three sheets of note paper, punched margin, containing incidental writing apparently of Q1.

Extortion Note Suspect Indicted

James E. Hart, a cripple, who wrote a letter to Almeda Temple, daughter of a prominent Los Angeles family, demanding \$10,000 under threat of death, yesterday was indicted by a Federal grand jury on a charge of extortion. After writing the letter Hart voluntarily surrendered to the police and was turned over to Federal Bureau of Investigation agents. He said he had no intention of harming the evangelist, but thought he might bluff her into paying the money. Then when she refused to pay, he said, he surrendered. Hart's bail was fixed at \$10,000 and arraignment set for today.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

W. J. [Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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(Recorded 2-24-38 3:00 P.M.)

Laboratory Report

Case: James E. Hart, alias Charles King; Almeda
George McPherson - Victim. KIDNAPING.
L. A. File No. 6-242.

Number: 9-2423-3

files

Specimens:

- 9-2423-3 Q 1 One envelope postmarked at Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 7, 1938,
EX 7 PM, stamped "Special Delivery, with five two cent and two
one cent stamps affixed. Stamped "Postage due 2 cents."
Q 2 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q 1 dated Feb. 7, 1938, which
reads "Warning take notice Dear Almeda".

- 9-2423-3 K 1 One envelope in handwriting of James E. Hart, addressed to
Examination requested by: Los Angeles,

Date received. Mailed 2/23/38. Recorded 2/24/38. 11:00 a.m. MFF

(chp Feb. 23, 1938.)

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Sullivan

Miss Almeda McPherson, Angeles Temple, 1100 Glendale Rd., Los
Angeles, Cal.

- K 2 One sheet in handwriting of James E. Hart, dated Feb 8, 1938,
which reads "Warning take notice Dear Almeda".
K 3 One sheet, yellow, dated Feb 7, 1938 which is in the
handwriting of James E. Hart, which reads "Dear Almeda warning
take notice."
K 4 One blank envelope, same kind and size as Q 1.
K 5 Three sheets of note paper, punched margin, containing indented
writing apparently of Q 2.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

FBI, LOS ANGELES

(Name and address of Contributor)

April 27, 1938.

(Date)

Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

FBI Number 1458211

Name, Aliases and Number JAMES E. HART, aliases Charles King, Elmer Hart,

L. A. Bureau Office (#9-242)

Fingerprint Classification

(To be given if FBI number not known)

Date of Arrest, or Received 2-8-38

Charge Extortion

Date of Disposition 2-8-38

Disposition to Los Angeles S. O.

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

J. M. HANSON, Special Agent in Charge

(For instructions see reverse side)

(Official Title)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

FBI, LOS ANGELES

(Name and address of Contributor)

April 27, 1938.

(Date)

Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

FBI Number 1458211

Name, Aliases and Number JAMES E. HART, aliases Charles King, Elmer Hart,

Los Angeles S. O. #269178

Fingerprint Classification _____

(To be given if FBI Number not known)

Date of Arrest, or Received 2-8-38

Charge Extortion

Date of Disposition 2-9-38

Disposition To USA, Los Angeles

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Very truly yours,

J. B. HANSON, SAC

(Official Title)

(For instructions see reverse side)

MAY 5 1938

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

FBI, LOS ANGELES

(Name and address of Contributor)

April 27, 1938.

(Date)

Dear Sir:

The following is additional record in a case on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

FBI Number 1458211

Name, Aliases and Number JAMES E. HART, aliases Charles King, Elmer Hart,

USM, Los Angeles, #6306.

Fingerprint Classification
(To be given if FBI number not known)

Date of Arrest, or Received 2-9-38

Charge Attempt. extortion (mail)

Date of Disposition 3-28-38

Disposition 6 mos. L. A. County Jail

MAY 5 1938

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hanson
J. E. HANSON, SAC
(Official Title)

(For instructions see reverse side)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

L. A. FILE NO

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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE 4-27-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/2,7,14,28/38	REPORT MADE BY A. R. Miller RS
TITLE JAMES E. HART, aliases Charles King, Elmer Hart; ADMEK SEMPLE McPHERSON - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Extortion.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject indicted by Federal Grand Jury 3-2-38 at Los Angeles for violation of Title 18, Sec. 338a, USCA, Extortion. On 3-7-38 subject pleaded guilty, and Federal Judge IANKNICH sentenced him to six months in County Jail 3-28-38. Technical Laboratory reports subject wrote extortion letter. Criminal record set out. Disposition sheet submitted.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent A. R. Miller, Los Angeles, California, dated 2-18-38.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

The title of this case is being changed to include the additional alias **ELMER HART** for subject, as reported in his criminal record.

Evidence was presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles, California, under date of March 2, 1938, which resulted in an indictment in one count being brought against subject, charging him with violation of Title 18, Section 338a, USCA (Extortion).

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On March 7, 1938, subject was arraigned before Federal Judge LEON R. LANKWICH, Los Angeles, and pleaded guilty to the indictment. Sentence was deferred until March 14, on which date it was again continued for examination of the subject by a psychiatrist.

On March 28, 1938, Federal Judge LANKWICH sentenced subject to serve six months in the Los Angeles County Jail.

A disposition sheet is being submitted to the Bureau.

The Identification Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports the following criminal record for subject under FBI-1458211:-

As Elmer Hart, #8042, arr. PD, San Diego, Calif., 8-15-29; charge, Vag. O. T. (auto) for L. A. Calif.; 6 mos. Co. Jail.

As James E. Hart, #269178, arr. SO, Los Angeles, Calif., 2-8-38; charge, extortion; no disposition shown.

As James E. Hart, #6306, arr. USM, Los Angeles, Calif., 2-9-38; charge, attempt. extortion (mail); no disposition shown.

As James E. Hart, #L.A. 9-242, arr. Bu. Field Div., Los Angeles, Calif., 2-8-38; charge, extortion; no disposition shown.

Disposition sheets are being submitted herewith on all charges reflected above as having "no disposition shown."

Under date of March 11, 1938, the Technical Laboratory reported that the paper found in the room of subject is identical with the paper used by an extortionist in writing the instant extortion letter; that no latent finger prints were found on the extortion letter, and that the handwriting appears on the extortion letter is identical with the samples of the handwriting submitted to the Bureau for comparison, which samples were taken from subject HART.

ENCLOSURES:

TO BUREAU: Three disposition sheets.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

July 17, 1939

Case: Unknown Subject; Robert A. Clark, U. S.
Material - Envelope; Stationery

Number: 7-4653-2

- Specimens:
1. Envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, June 23, 1939, 7 P.M."
 2. First page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Pay off if you want"
 3. Second page of letter beginning "Pay off if you want"

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: 6/28/39

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Dingle

This confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype of July 5, 1939.

The specimen listed above as Q1 is a white bond finish envelope which measures 3.66x6.18" and weighs 3.354 grams. The paper has a thickness of .0044" and has no watermark. It bears an address written in script with a soft pencil.

The specimen listed above as Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 4.99x7.75" and is ruled with blue lines 3.28" apart. The first line on either side is 1.05" from the top. There is evidence that it has been torn from a pad. It weighs 1.616 grams and has a thickness of .0031". The message is written in script using a soft pencil.

The specimen listed above as Q3 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 4.99x7.94" and is ruled with blue lines 3.28" apart. The first line on either side is spaced 1.06" from the top. There is evidence that it has been torn from a pad. It weighs 1.597 grams and has a thickness of .0031". The message is written in script with a soft pencil.

Specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report upon this

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phase of the examination is being submitted.

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 was compared with the known handwriting of James E. Hart whose known handwriting is listed as K1 through K3 in the case entitled, James E. Hart, aliases Charles King, Elmer Hart; Aileen Beulah McPherson - Victim, Extortion, Bureau file #7-1458 and the conclusion was reached that this individual wrote specimens Q1 through Q3. This comparison was made as a result of the search of the anonymous letter file.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q3 are enclosed herewith.

The original evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 9, 1939

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC LOS ANGELES

Transmit the following message to:

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REPLY JUNE TWENTYSEVEN UNDER ROBERT E. CLARK VIEN. LETTER AND
ENVELOPE CONCLUDED WRITTEN BY JAMES E. RANT WHOSE KNOWN HANDWRITING
SUBMITTED IN CASE JAMES E. RANT, ALICE EMILIE McPHERSON, VIEN.
LATENT FINGERPRINTS CLARK LETTER IDENT JAMES E. RANT NUMBER FBI
ONE FOUR FIVE EIGHT TWO ONE ONE.

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SENT VIA

93p Per JK

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July 17, 1939

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

[Handwritten signature]

ORIGINAL FILE IN 94-53-6

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Very truly yours,

✓ E. Hoover

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

L.A. File #43-14.

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-8-27	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-6-27 10-4-27	REPORT MADE BY Robert Daly
TITLE ALICE BEMPLE LUTHERSON			CHARACTER OF CASE ILLEGAL WEARING OF NAVAL UNIFORM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter received from United States Attorney J. E. McHabb, Los Angeles, calling attention to information received by him to the effect that certain members of subject's religious congregation were alleged to be using a uniform very closely resembling the prescribed uniform worn by the officers and men of the United States Navy. Investigation conducted to determine whether or not said allegations might be verified. Result of investigation submitted to United States Attorney McHabb, who advised that no prosecution he had and that no further action be taken in this matter.

NO PENDING.

CLOSED

DETAILS:

Background of Case

Under date of September 1, 1927, a letter was received from United States Attorney J. E. McHabb, Los Angeles, advising that he had received a letter from Rear Admiral J. S. Johnson, U.S.N., Commandant of the eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, calling attention to a photograph which shows subject and certain members of her religious congregation attired in uniforms which very closely resembled that of the uniform worn by the officers and men of the United States Navy.

Mrs. Alice Bemple Lutherston, the subject of this investigation, is the leader of a religious organization known as the International Institute of Four-square evangelism with headquarters at the Angelus Temple, 1100 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles. Recent press dispatches contained information to the effect that subject was reorganizing her congregation somewhat along naval lines; that she was to be known as the Admiral, and that her several subordinates were to be regarded as Lieutenants, First Lieutenants, etc.; that the lighthouse was to be the insignia of the organization.

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SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE43-300-1
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NO. 6

Ames Doly (Agt.)
Re: AMES TEMPLE CONSPIRACY

Los Angeles
10-8-27

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Agent conferred with Agent in Charge Frank J. Blane and United States Attorney S. W. McComb prior to beginning this investigation and was instructed to proceed to Angelus Temple and observe whether or not subject or any of her followers were in fact using uniforms noticeably similar to those of the United States Navy.

Agent attended religious services at said temple on the evenings of September 7th, 9th, 13th and 14th, but no evidence was obtained indicating that subject or any of her members were using uniforms bearing the insignia or emblems of the Navy or uniforms closely resembling the uniforms prescribed for officers or men of the United States Navy.

Agent again conferred with United States Attorney McComb, and it was suggested by him to interview subject or her secretary and ascertain what plans they had in mind relative to their future prescribed uniform.

Agent subsequently interviewed Miss Waldron, secretary to subject, at the Angelus Temple, and was informed by her that she and subject were at present reorganizing their forces; that they had planned to do so along naval lines; that they would use the lighthouse as the insignia of the organization; that they intended to regard subject as being the Admiral of her "crew", and that her subordinates were to bear other commonly known terms such as Commander, Ensigns, gigs, etc. She stated that to date no one in the organization had purchased a uniform because of the fact that it had not been definitely decided just what uniforms were to be used.

She explained further that when the press learned about their proposed plans of reorganization, they called at the Angelus Temple and requested a photograph of subject and some of her followers in naval uniforms similar to those they had in mind using. Miss Waldron states that arrangements were then made to rent a few uniforms which were later put on by subject and some of her followers, and said parties posed for a photograph for the local press. She states, however, that these uniforms were immediately returned and have not been used since that date. Miss Waldron was then requested to furnish a list of the type of uniforms to be used by subject and her followers.

Under date of October 5th the following letter was received from Harriet A. Jordan, Dean of the International Institute of Four-square Evangelists:

"We are herewith enclosing a description of the uniforms planned for the members of the Four-square Gospel Lighthouses. As you will see, the whole plan of the uniforms and insignias have no real bearing upon those of the Navy, but are made up in entirety by our own workers and ministers.

"The uniforms of the Sunday School children of the Four-square Gospel Lighthouses, known as the Jack Tars and Tarlettes, will be the ordinary civilian middie worn by school children.

Harriet Daly (Agt.)
Re: ARMED SEMPLER BAPTIST CHURCH

Los Angeles
10-6-27

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"The boys, up to the age of twelve years, will wear the plain sailor suit. The sailor suits and middie can be purchased from any department store but the Foursquare Gospel Lighthouse children will have the lighthouse insignia made on the sleeve to identify them with this church.

"The girls, from twelve years old and adults, will wear the regular Angelus Temple uniform with the square collar and the insignia of the life-belt with the figure four in the corner.

"The young men and adults will wear a blue serge, double breasted suit which is the stock suit of wholesale clothing stores. On these blue suits will be plain buttons and on the sleeve will be the Foursquare Lighthouse insignia embroidered which is composed of a lighthouse built upon a rock and a cross embroidered in the Bible which rests upon the rock.

"To show in which department the worker is serving, such as for the Music Department, a harp; for the Sunday school teachers, an open Bible with the figure four; and for the Bible students an open Bible with the figure four with bars above to indicate the seniority.

"The crusaders will have an emblem upon their sleeve of the shield and the word Bible. The general membership of the church will have the lighthouse emblem on the sleeve.

"All men under the organization will wear what is commonly known as a yachting cap with the Foursquare Lighthouse insignia embroidered on the front.

"The girls and women of the Bible School will wear a blue sailor hat with black band with the letters L.I.F.E. embroidered, standing for Lighthouse of International Foursquare Evangelism and from the center of the cap will fall a black silk tassel hanging almost to the shoulder on the left side."

"We appreciate very much your interest and would be glad at any time to have your council and advise if there is anything in this description that would infringe upon the rights and dignity of the Navy.

Very sincerely yours,

Harriet A. Jordan,
Dear"

Re: Daily (Ag.)
Re: JAMES EARL RAYMOND

Los Angeles
10-6-57

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Agent referred said letter to United States Attorney McHale, who advised that in his opinion no further action should be taken in the matter; that he was of the opinion that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant any further investigation, and that he could not see anything in the proposed plan of uniforms which would meet with objection from his office.

This matter is therefore considered at office of origin closed upon reference to the United States Attorney.

CLOSED

HN:KC'B
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July 20, 1926.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. INHRING.

So far as can be ascertained the disappearance of Mrs. McPherson, referred to in the attached telegram, possesses no angles involving violations or alleged violations of Federal Statutes, or at least such as come within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

I assume that you want to reply to the telegram in person.

Very truly yours,

Enc. 256272

Acting Director.

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62-12691-1

COPY

Los Angeles, Calif.

June 25,

The Department of Justice,
Washington

THE UNDERSIGNED VOICING THE SENTIMENT OF MANY THINKING
PEOPLE BELIEVES THAT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF MCPHERSON
DISAPPEARANCE AND DOUBTFUL KIDNAPING STORY SHOULD BE MADE
ONE LIFE WAS LOST WHILE SEARCHING FOR BODY WHICH SHE IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR IF SHE DISAPPEARED VOLUNTARILY WHICH
APPEARS QUITE EIVDENT AT THIS TIME

JOHN J. KERSHNER AUTHOR PUBLISHER

*20 Mr. Sullivan
7-20-26
H.H.*

Department of Justice

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

7-1008

Oklahoma City, Okla.

July 20, 1926.

Director

Think have located Kenneth G. Ormiston, witness
in Aimee McPherson case Los Angeles. Shall
I investigate?

One white.

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To Director 1

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*Ans
7/20/26
JH*

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JUL 21 1936

EN:JL

July 20, 1936.

T. B. White,
Department of Justice,
Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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NO INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MADE

MCPHERSON CASE OR ANY OTHER

UNLESS FEDERAL VIOLATIONS UNDER THIS

BUREAU'S JURISDICTION IS INVOLVED

NATHAN ACTING

62-12691

WILLIS W. BLOSSOM

MADISON—WISCONSIN—

1019-1021 WILLIAMSON STREET
LEATHER GOODS, IVORY, CUTLERY, CALENDARS
AND AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES

Nov. 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Coolidge, President,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear President Coolidge:-

I know you are a very busy man but there is a matter which I believe has a community of interest that lays heavy on my heart and for weeks I have felt I should write you about the matter. I have never met this party but she is, and from early life has been, a friend and acquaintance of some of my friends. I refer to Mrs. Anie Semple McPherson of Los Angeles, California. It certainly seems to me that her case is a frame up by the enemies of the cause of Christ and that the procedure is that of tyranny and a pointed challenge pitted against the tenets of the christian religion and the fundamental principles of our government. Is it seeking too much if I ask you to take immediate steps to see that a fair and impartial hearing is given her, and that the government of the United States takes immediate steps to unearth this plot and to apprehend all who are connected with the kidnapping, abducting into Mexico and further persecuting of this woman who has been a marvel of the century as a christian evangelist turning thousands from the paths of sin to those of virtue, fearlessly holding up the blood stained banner of the Lord Jesus Christ. Again I ask you that this woman who is a mother of a family, a citizen of the United States, and one who has served time as a foreign missionary, where her young husband laid down his life, and one who has accomplished wonders as an evangelist from Canada to Florida and from coast to coast, one who is now the pastor of a large church and the head of a Bible school be accorded a fair hearing in the courts; that her abduction and persecution be unearthed and that if it is necessary the American army be put in a position to defend the dignity of the stars and striped and the sacred laws of God which have ever consecrated the constitution and flag of our nation.

With prayer for your guidance and help, I am

Most sincerely yours,

W. W. Blossom
Nov 23 1926

Reply
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RE: ABE

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November 20, 1926.

Mr. W. W. Blossom,
1019-21 Williamson Street,
Madison, Wisconsin.

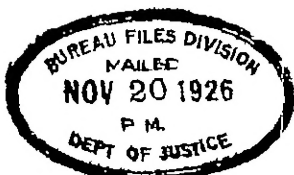
Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 2nd instant, directed to the President, concerning the case in California of MRS. AIME SIMPLY McHERSON, has been referred to this Bureau for acknowledgment.

There is nothing to indicate, at the present time, that the Bureau of Investigation would have any jurisdiction over any of the facts in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.



SEPTEMBER 1, '44

J. EDGER HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SIR:

I SHOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU
TO CAREFULLY INVESTIGATE THE
PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LIFE AND
THE ACTIVITIES OF MRS. RIMEE
SEMPLE Mc PHERSON OF LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. I BELIEVE
HER TO BE GUILTY OF THE
PRACTICE OF HYPNOTISM. HER
MOTIVE IS TO OBTAIN MONEY.
I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE
DETECTIVE YOU CHOOSE BE ABLE
TO FEARLESSLY RESIST THIS
TERRIBLE POWER. FOR BEST
RESULTS, HE SHOULD PRETEND
TO BE A MAN OF WEALTH AND
TO BE SEEKING RELIEF FROM
SOME PHYSICAL ILLMENT. HE
SHOULD INSIST UPON SEEING
ONLY MRS. MCPHERSON FOR
THIS AID. HER ORDAINED
MINISTERS, THROUGHOUT THE
UNITED STATES, ARE
GUILTY OF THIS CRIME.
WHEN CAPTURED, THE
CRIMINAL COULD BE KEPT NEAR
BY BEYOND REACH OF A RADIO

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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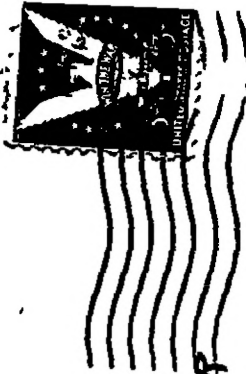
TO PREVENT CONCENTRATION
THE WRITER AND A
VERY CLOSE FRIEND HAVE
SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE
BRUTAL INFLUENCE OF THIS
POWER POSSESSED BY ONE
OF MRS. MCPHERSON'S PUPILS.
AS A RESULT, THIS FRIEND
IS NOW ILL IN A HOSPITAL
~~AND NOT EXPECTED TO~~

RECOVER.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
AT TULSA, OKLA., CAPTURED
AND TRIED A FEMININE
HYPNOTIST DURING THE
SPRING.

I WILL THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE FOR THOSE WHO
NEED AND WILL, THROUGH
YOUR EFFORTS, BE PROTECT-
~~ED.~~

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